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Robert A. Rodriguez K5AUW Scholarship



Robert A. Rodriguez, K5AUW

The San Antonio Radio Club (SARC) has established the Robert A. Rodriguez K5AUW Scholarship (hereafter, Rodriguez Scholarship). This is NOT a memorial scholarship. Bob K5AUW is very much alive and still on the air. However, he has been a ham a very, very long time and an important member of SARC and the general ham community in San Antonio for a similarly very, very long time. He has taught innumerable ham licensing courses over the years. There is no telling after so long how many people earned their licenses after taking classes led by Bob K5AUW. He is the Elmer's Elmer.

This is the first year that the Rodriguez Scholarship will be offered. This is the result of SARC President Rosendo Guzman's, N5YBG, initiative. He originated the idea

and obtained Board approval. The funding source is high end radio raffles. The first one was last year, and SARC just completed its second one. SARC plans to continue these yearly raffles. Concurrently with starting the first raffle in 2020, Rosendo N5YBG appointed a Scholarship Committee to work out the details of how to award scholarships. Tom O'Brien, AB5XZ, was the Chairperson of this Committee. Bill Craft, KD2HIQ, Harold Fleischer, AE5AS, and Rosendo Guzman, N5YBG, were members of the Committee. Tom AB5XZ discovered that the Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL) would administer the scholarship process if SARC so choose. The Committee decided to not reinvent the wheel and chose ARRL as the Rodriguez Scholarship administrator. From a timing perspective, SARC was too late to join the 2020 scholarship award cycle, but SARC has joined the 2021 award cycle.

The Scholarship Committee determined the Terms of Reference for the Rodriguez Scholarship and gave them to ARRL. ARRL will use them to award two each \$1,000 Rodriguez Scholarships in the 2021 cycle for school year 2022-2023. Their Terms of Reference follow after this article. The application period is now open on the ARRL website: [Scholarship Program \(arrl.org\)](https://www.arrl.org/scholarship-program). The window for applying opened on November 1, 2021 and closes on December 31, 2021. Details, including the application, can be found on the ARRL website.

Terms of Reference

Funded through the generosity of the San Antonio Radio Club, Inc., this scholarship is intended to assist in meeting the educational expenses of a young amateur radio operator who is pursuing higher education.

**Meeting November 11, 2021 will be 7 PM
at Blanco BBQ 13259 Blanco Rd, San Antonio,
TX 78216, (210) 251-2602 .**

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PRESIDENT'S RADIOGRAM

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TO							

Hello Fellow Hams!

I would like to thank everyone who participated in JOTA at McGimsey Scout Park and John Douglas W5NZK making it possible. We saw some great examples of emergency communication setups, from cargo trailers conversions to go boxes setup.

Here is a quote to honor our U.S. veterans

"Duty, Honor, Country. Those three hallowed words reverently dictate what you ought to be, what you can be, what you will be." – **Gen. Douglas MacArthur**

Thank you all for your services!

Good DX

Rosendo Guzman – N5YBG

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The due date for articles is the **Monday** before the first **Thursday** of the month

San Antonio Radio Club

Meeting Minutes
7:00 p. m., October 14, 2021
Blanco BBQ, 13259 Blanco Rd., San Antonio, TX 78216

President Call meeting to Order At 7:00 pm
Introductions by President Rosendo Guzman N5YBG

Approval of Minutes of the Last Meeting

There being no changes, additions, or deletions to the minutes, they were approved without objection by unanimous consent.

Officer Reports:

President

The primary purpose of the meeting JOTA, and Nominating Committee
Appointments

Newsletter Editor: Jimmie Neff WJ4M
Webmaster: Bill Craft KD2HIQ
Education and Training: David Finell N7LRY
Emergency Communications: Joe Bruno, W5AUQ
Executive: Harold Fleischer AE5AS (By Constitution)
Finance and Review: Paul Guido N5IUT
Field Day: Joe Bruno W5AUQ
JOTA: John Douglas W5NZK
Membership: Bill Craft KD2HIQ
Nominating: inactive; no appointments.
Radio Fiesta: Bill Craft, Jeff Boyes, Joe Bruno, and Rosendo Guzman
VEC: Pat Knight AD5BR
Centennial and Scholarship Committee: Tom O'Brien AB5XZ

Vice President Lloyd Swartz KF5ZHW – presentation on Drones

Secretary – Jack Bannin N5JLB –Minutes from club meetings can be found at w5sc.org website, in the Newsletters section.

Treasurer – Jeff Boyes, ND8B

Newsletter Editor – Jimmie Neff reported The October Bexar Wire newsletter was sent out on October 12th, 2021.

Webmaster – Bill Craft, KD2HIQ,

Website – Posted newsletter, Updated VE info. Added newsletters from Richard Elder circa 1997. Updated Scholarship page with winners. Updated Radio Fiesta pages
Groups.io – Updated membership list. Updated calendar. Mail chimp – Meeting notice, Zoom, Fundraiser, Radio Fiesta 2022 to vendors. YouTube – posted fundraiser drawing video: Facebook – Scholarship winners post Twitter – Radio Fiesta Vendors notice for Oct 1 Eventbrite
Web Site Statistics - Info Not Valid Desktop 70%, Tablet 5%, and Mobile 25%
Facebook Statistics – Last 28 days: People Reached – 94 Post Engagements - 3

Membership – Bill Craft, KD2HIQ. As of 9/30/2021: 125 Paid members, 3 Free, 23 Family Members, 77 ARRL Members, a total of members 151

Chairman of the Board Report – Harold Fleischer, AE5AS The Board of Directors met twice since the last General Membership Meeting.

The first meeting was on September 13, 2021. The results of the investigation into a complaint about the conduct of the raffle were reviewed and approved. A written communication was provided to the person making the complaint that stated the raffle was properly conducted.

The second meeting was on October 6, 2021 as planned.

* Due to the move of Radio Fiesta to June, the Board agreed to adjust the budget year to be the calendar year.

* The financial results of the raffle were about \$1,300. Combined with the funds raised last year, we have \$2,700 for the scholarships. The Board told the President and Treasurer to send the \$2,030.00 due by Dec 31, 2021 to fund two scholarships in early Dec 2021. The President will include the next raffle and scholarship in the budget. He took the suggestion to start the raffle at Radio Fiesta in June and do the drawing later. He will propose prizes to clearly distinguish the scholarship raffle (much better) from the Radio Fiesta raffle.

* The budget was reviewed, and we are in the black. The President knows that the Board's first budget meeting for 2022 will be 6 Jan 2022.

* The early renewal period for dues at \$12 versus \$15 will end at midnight on the night of the first General Membership meeting on 13 Jan 2021 by unanimous Board consent. Bill Craft will build that into the website when it comes to renewals for 2022

Education and Training – David Finell N7LRY, giving classes on the 13th and 20th of November at the university health system 3rd floor OR classroom. Steve Amason 210-644-0883 210-701-3333 is the POC for the classroom and any available seats. He will be paying for the tests for the hospital staff. I don't know if there will be room for other students but as far as I am concerned the more the merrier as long as there is room.

Executive – Rosendo Guzman N5YBG – No Report

Emergency Communications – Joe Bruno, W5AUQ – No Report

Field Day – Joe Bruno W5AUQ – No Report

Finance and Review – Paul Guido N5IUT Completed the audit of the club's books, all passed!

JOTA – John Douglas, W5NZK – Will be participating on Saturday October 16th 2021 at McGimsey Scout Park for the 2021 Jamboree On the Air. <https://www.scouting.org/international/jota-joti/jota/>.

Silent Key Committee – Bill Craft KD2HIQ – Gilbert Santana N5CDA estate sale on October 16, 8031 Restless Wind

Radio Fiesta - Eventbrite is open for vendors.

VE Team – Pat Knight AD5BR – Benny Martinez NU5P – 3 tested in September and all passed the technician. Will be testing in the 3rd week of November.

Centennial Commemoration (Temporary) - Tom O'Brien, AB5XZ – No report

Scholarship Committee – Tom O'Brien AB5XZ – No report

Nominating Committee- Paul Guido N5IUT reported the following nominees for next month's election

President – Rosendo Guzman/N5YBG
 Vice President – Lloyd Swartz/KF5ZHW
 Secretary – Jack Bannin/N5JLB
 Treasurer – **Position Open**
 Director through 2026 – Jon April KI5CSK

Old Business (Motions carried over from previous meetings) - None

New Business – None

Announcements for The Good of Amateur Radio – None
 Meeting Adjournment @ 8:30 PM



Volunteer Examiners at Work



Benny Martinez NU5P – 3 tested in September and all passed the technician. Will be testing in the 3rd week of November.

73,

Pat Knight AD5BR

210-273-5927 iPhone

(Note, Pat is temporarily off line for VE, please check with hamtest@gmail.com to schedule a test)

Joint Christmas Party with AARO Club At Mamacita's

6:30 PM to 10 PM

Wednesday, December 8th, 2021

[Map to Mamacita's](#)

Scholarship (continued from page 1)

Requirements:

- 1) The Robert A. Rodriguez K4AUW Scholarship Fund will be administered by the ARRL Foundation.
- 2) The scholarship is open to graduating high school seniors, and to previous awardees. A previous awardee must show evidence of satisfactory academic performance. Satisfactory performance is defined as a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.5 on a 4 point scale.
- 3) An awardee may apply annually for the scholarship, up to the completion of studies or four years, whichever comes first, and will be given preference over new applicants.
- 4) The applicant must hold a current FCC amateur radio license.
- 5) The award will be provided for attendance at an accredited 2- or 4-year university, college, or technical school.
- 6) Preference will be given to applicants pursuing studies in Electrical Engineering, Electronics Engineering, Computer Engineering, Electri-

- cal Technology, Electronics Technology, or Computer Technology, leading to a Certificate in a defined program, Associate's Degree, or Bachelor's Degree.
- 7) Preference will be given to applicants who reside in these geographical areas:
- a. ARRL South Texas Section (first preference)
 - b. The State of Texas (second preference)
 - c. ARRL West Gulf Division (third preference)
- If there is no applicant from the preferred areas, then no scholarship will be awarded, and the funds will roll over to the next cycle.
- 8) The ARRL Foundation Scholarship Committee will submit its nomination to the ARRL Foundation Board of Directors to approve by majority vote.
- 9) The Robert A. Rodriguez K5AUW Scholarship will be funded by an initial contribution of \$2,000, to fund two (s) Scholarships of \$1,000 each with the first scholarships awarded in 2022. Additional contributions may be added to the fund. Annual contributions to the fund must be made by December 31st each year.
- 10) Scholarships are for the exclusive use of the awardee to be applied to tuition, books, fees
- 11) The ARRL Foundation Board of Directors will disburse the scholarship funds to the awardee's institution of choice.
- 12) The ARRL Foundation assesses each scholarship fund for annual administrative expenses. The assessment is up to 1.5% of the fund's balance as of December 31st of the preceding year. For the first year, the administrative assessment is to be submitted with the scholarship funding.

Silent Key information

You may have seen this ad in the back of ARRL's QST magazine. It looks like the answer to the silent key problem, however, it requires you to become a subscriber to their service prior to becoming a silent key.

They DO NOT handle SK estate sales unless you have subscribed to their plan.

How much does it cost?

A monthly flat rate of \$14.99 (\$179.88 per year)
Or a yearly flat rate of \$164.89 (Get one month for free)

Once your equipment has been disposed of and all towers and antennas are removed, they subtract all the incurred expenses from the income of equipment sales to derive at the Net income

of your radio estate. Ham Estate LLC then charges a 30% commission on the Net income of your ham estate.



HamEstate
Serving Hams and Their Families

Turnkey Ham Radio Liquidators and Subscription Service. Give your loved ones peace of mind. Become a subscriber and we will take care of your station when you cannot. Don't leave your loved ones to the mercy of bargain hunters. We do it turnkey INCLUDING tower and antenna removals! We purchase used towers and equipment and arrange pickup or shipping.

www.hamestate.com 1-833-891-0073 info@hamestate.com

Check out their website or call for more information.

JOTA 2021

Here are a few photos from JOTA. The event was competing with the usual youth sports events on Saturdays, but there was a steady stream of scouts throughout the day. It was an excellent way to get young people interested in amateur radio. And they were interested.





Trading Post

Did you know we have a TRADING POST classified section on our website?

<https://w5sc.org/classifieds/> Yes, and it's FREE for members to use. Items are listed for 30 days by default, but can be extended by request to webmaster.

Does it work? Yes most have sold everything posted. However, remember your audience...Hams. So, will your car or boat sell here? Maybe not, but your antenna or tower will. Since we are not having Radio Fiesta in January, you can post and sell your stuff for FREE. Recommendations, add picture, manufacturer, model number in description and of course contact info and price.

Silent Key Committee (From web master, Bill Craft, KD2HIQ)

The web site now has a silent key page [<https://w5sc.org/silent-key/>] that provides information about thinking ahead and providing forms to document what you have.

SARC does not directly buy any SK equipment, we provide a service to help loved ones dispose of equipment. The service consists of information, consulting and possibly disposal of equipment by donation.

We encourage you to plan ahead and make those hard decisions ahead of time so those who are left don't end up dumping your equipment in the trash. Not everyone plans ahead, most us try to ignore the fact that at some point our health may fail or we may be called to meet our maker.

The goal is to help fellow hams and their families deal with this in their time of need. They do not have to be members of SARC for us to help. We offer our services to the ham community to benefit other hams and their families.

The committee can be reached by emailing SilentKey@w5sc.org



SARC has had a Groups.io. Its name is saradioclub.

If you haven't signed up for group.io, you should. Groups.io is our primary email messaging method to all club members. It is FREE for all members.

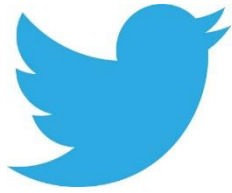
Several members have asked where are the notices, schedules and codes for Zoom meetings?

1. The groups.io calendar has a schedule of Zoom meetings and access codes.
2. The calendar can be accessed directly from the club web site <https://w5sc.org/events-calendar/> NOTE: it is the same groups.io calendar.

The saradioclub Group.io is being used to publicize SARC business meetings. It can be used for other things like promotion of VEC testing and classes. Members of the saradioclub Group.io can and have asked each other technical questions or sought assistance.

The saradioclub Group.io is a closed group. To become a member, go to saradioclub.groups.io. (You may need to have a Groups.io account.) You will then need to select *Apply for membership in this group*. This generates a message. SARC members can expect approval to join the saradioclub Group.io in probably less than 24 hours.

SARC Tweets



Reminder: there are two active Twitter accounts for the San Antonio Radio Club. They are @SARadioClub and @ARadioFiesta.

The @SARadioClub is being used to publicize SARC meetings. It can be used for other things like promotion of VEC testing and classes.

When work again commences the @ARadioFiesta will be used.

SARC members are encouraged to follow both Twitter accounts.

SARC Facebook



There is a San Antonio Radio Club – SARC (@saradioclub) Facebook Page.

The newsletter editor is making posts about SARC meetings and other activities. Any Officer, Committee Chairperson, or member who believes that they have information that should be posted to this page should contact the newsletter editor using the contact information for the newsletter editor on page 2 of this newsletter.

SARC members are encouraged to follow this Facebook Pa

SARC SLACK



There is a San Antonio Radio Club Slack team – w5sc.slack.com.

Slack teams are meant to foster communication between team members. Paul Guido, N5IUT, has established the w5sc.slack.com team for SARC. He has also established some channels. Think of the channels as topical areas.

To join send an email to Paul Guido, N5IUT, at radioteacher@gmail.com. In actuality, any team member already a part of the w5sc.slack.com can invite you, but Paul is known to be on it.

SARC has a website:

w5sc.org

Webmaster: Bill Craft KD2HIQ
Billc851@gmail.com
210-233-8863

Amateur Radio License Classes

For more information, contact:
David Finell, N7LRY
Instructor

SARC Meeting Dates for 2020

January 14, 2021
February 11, 2021
March 11, 2021
April 8, 2021
May 13, 2021
June 10, 2021
July 8, 2021
August 12, 2021
September 9, 2021
October 14, 2021
November 11, 2021
December – No meeting

Meetings are normally held at Blanco BBQ,
13259 Blanco Rd, San Antonio, TX 78216
at 7:00 p. m. Room is available at 6:00 p.
m. for supper

License Testing Dates for 2021

Due to Covid restrictions the normal testing site is not available. The VE Team will schedule tests as sites become available. Go to Hamtest@gmail.com if you want to schedule a test.

Times and locations along with required document information can be found on SARC's website.

SARC does all of its licensing testing as a part of ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) organization so all of the Volunteer Examiners in SARC are duly authorized Volunteer Examiners of ARRL's VEC.

Radio Fiesta 2022

June 17-18, 2022
Radio Fiesta 2022 has been moved from the previous January time frame to June..

JOTA

We will be participating JOTA and JOTI the largest Scouting event in the world at McGimsey Scout Park with the Alamo Area BSA on Saturday October 16th Volunteers needed. Must take the Youth Protection course to participate (<https://www.scouting.org/training/youthprotection/>).

Emergency Communications

If you are interested in emergency communications, contact:
JC Smith N5RXS

Field Day 2022

FD 2021 was great, FD 2022 is coming sooner than you'd think!

Where SARC proves they are an eating group with a radio problem.